## Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 1, line 6 and ending at page 1, line 10 to read, as follows.

--The present invention relates to a toner accommodating container, a sealing member therefor and an image forming apparatus, suitably usable with an image forming apparatus such as a copying machine, a printer, and a facsimile machine.--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 2, line 19 and ending at page 2, line 24 to read, as follows.

--Japanese Laid-open Patent Application Hei 10-63084 discloses that end surface of the toner bottle is provided with a projection, which is engaged with a <u>recess recesses</u> formed in a driving portion of the main assembly of the image forming apparatus, thus transmitting the driving force.--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 4, line 16 and ending at page 4, line 24 to read, as follows.

--In order to avoid such an improper engagement, it is required that toner bottle is provided on its outer surface with a guiding rib so as to determine the position of the toner bottle in the rotational direction upon the insertion thereof, or that rotating operation of the engaging recess of the main assembly driving portion is controlled to stop at a predetermined rotational position whenever it stops. This also results result in complications complication and cost increase.--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 19, line 4 and ending at page 19, line 5 to read, as follows.

--Thus, in this embodiment, the engagement is a <u>so-called</u> "snap fit" type.--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 38, line 19 and ending at page 39, line 3 to read, as follows.

--Therefore, even if the toner bottle 1 is retracted in the direction indicated by an arrow arrow b, as shown in (C) in Figure 7, the sealing member 2 does not move in the same direction, but is firmly fixed to the driving portion 20. On 20. On the other hand, since the toner bottle 1 is instructed, the sealing member 2 is separated away from the toner bottle 1 with certainty, so that opening 1a is unsealed or opened. The sliding retracting operation of the toner bottle 1 may be interrelated with the opening and closing operation of the front cover 15 provided in the main assembly 100 of the apparatus.--